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SUMMARY: AMB. BENNETT MET MAY 24 WITH AUSTRALIAN (ASHWIN) AND FRENCH (DELATAILLADE) TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL REPS TO EXPRESS USG DISPLEASURE OVER CERTAIN ASPECTS OF RECENT UNVM REPORT AND TO EXPRESS STRONG HOPE THAT OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN TC WOULD BE HELPFUL IN FORTHCOMING TC SESSION TO US POSITION ON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. UK REP (HINCHCLIFFE), UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING, WILL RECEIVE SIMILAR BRIEFING MAY 25. END SUMMARY.

1. BENNETT CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF WILLIAMS- SALII MAY 5 JOINT CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THAT TWO NEGOTIATORS WOULD BE TAKING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE STEPS THIS SUMMER WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF FORMAL US- CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STATUS TALKS. BENNETT ALSO STRESSED PROGRESS MADE IN CURRENT

ROUND OF TALKS WITH MARIANAS AND CALLED ATTENTION TO MAY 24

NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE REPORTING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON WHAT WOULD AMOUNT TO COMMONWEALTH STATUS. IN THIS CONTEXT, BENNETT SAID HE WOULD SPEAK FRANKLY AND STATE THAT USG FOUND OBJECTIONABLE VARIOUS LANGUAGE IN CHAPTER ON FUTURE STATUS OF UNVM REPORT, PARTICULARLY UNVM RECOMMENDATION (REF A) THAT US BREAK OFF TALKS WITH MARIANAS. HE CHARACTERIZED RECOMMENDATIONS AS UNREALISTIC AT PRESENT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE REVIEWED LONG HISTORY OF MARIANAS DESIRE FOR CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH US AND POINTED OUT THAT MARIANAS HAVE SAME RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION THAT UN IS COMMITTED TO FOR OTHERS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF TC SHARED US CONCERN THAT PRACTICAL SOLUTION OF MICRONESIAN STATUS PROBLEM ASSURE STABILITY IN WESTERN PACIFIC WHILE SATISFYING DIVERSE INTERESTS OF ISLANDERS. ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE ON MARIANAS A STATUS THEY REJECT WOULD JEOPARDIZE CHANCES FOR STABILITY. IF FINAL SOLUTION OF STATUS TALKS WITH COM BROUGHT FORMULA TO WHICH MARIANAS COULD ADHERE, THAT WOULD BE IDEAL OUTCOME. AMB. BENNETT SAID OUR PROBLEMS WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF REPORT WOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO TC REPS SHORTLY.

2. COMMENTING ON OUR PRESENTATION, DE LATAILLADE SAID FRANCE' S LONG- STANDING POSITION, AS RESTATED IN LAST YEAR' S TC SESSION, WAS THAT THE FRAGMENTATION OF COLONIAL AREAS OR TRUST TERRITORIES SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THIS VIEW APPLIES " IN PRINCIPLE" TO THE MARIANAS AS WELL.

3. ASHWIN RECOGNIZED GENUINE DESIRE OF MARIANAS FOR SEPARATE STATUS BUT SAW US- MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS AS STIMULATING SEPARATIST SENTIMENT IN PALAU AND MARSHALLS AS WELL. ASHWIN SAID HE REMAINS PUZZLED AS TO WHY US NEEDS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH MARIANAS BEFORE CONCLUDING TALKS WITH COM. DURING VISIT TO TTPI, HE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT EXCEPT FOR QUESTION OF PERMANENT LINK WITH US, MARIANAS AND COM NEGOTIATORS NOT TOO FAR APART ON CONCEPT OF ACCEPTABLE
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FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. HIS IMPRESSION REINFORCED BY REREADING SEN. PANGELINAN' S OPENING STATEMENT AT FIRST ROUND OF MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS. ASHWIN ALSO CONCERNED THAT AS RESULT OF SEPARATE TALKS, MARIANAS NEGOTIATORS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT TRUSTEESHIP STATUS CAN SOMEHOW BE TERMINATED FOR THEM AHEAD OF REST OF MICRONESIA. ACCORDING TO ASHWIN, MARIANAS NEGOTIATORS SEEMED " SHOCKED" WHEN UNVM POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT USG COMMITTED ITSEL

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